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METHOD FOR JOINING SYNTHETIC
RESIN TO METALLIC PLATE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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4. (Amended) The method for joining synthetic resin to a metallic plate, as defined in Claim 1, wherein the metallic plate being set in position inside the synthetic resin injection metal mold, the metallic plate includes a part other than the peripheral edge portion of the metallic plate that may become deformed into a curved surface having projections and depressions when it is placed under the pressure of the synthetic resin injected against the side of the metallic plate on which the injected synthetic resin is to be joined to the metallic plate.

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6. (Amended) The method for joining synthetic resin to a metallic plate, as defined in Claim 1, wherein with the metallic plate being set in position inside the synthetic resin injection